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SUBJECT: SOUTH VIETNAMESE "THIRD FORCE" CONTACTS WITH PRG AND GVN

REF: (A) PARIS 18363; (B) PARIS 18871; (C) FBIS S101222 JUNE

1. REFTELS REPORTED RECENT EMBASSY PARIS EMBOFF'S CONVERSATIONS WITH SELF-STYLED LEADERS OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE "THIRD FORCE" HO THONG MINH AND NGUYEN HUU CHAU. REF (B) REPORTS THAT MINH, AFTER REPORTING RECENT CONTACTS WITH PRG DEL CHIEF NGUYEN VAN HIEU, COMPLAINED OF "LACK OF RESPONSIVENESS" OF GVN TO "THIRD FORCE" APPROACHES. MINH THEN SUGGESTED THAT THE US AND DRV MIGHT USEFULLY "INDICATE FORCEFULLY" TO PRESIDENT THIEU THAT HE SHOULD ADOPT A MORE RESPONSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE "THIRD FORCE".

2. WE BELIEVE EMBASSY PARIS' RESPONSES TO MINH HAVE STRUCK THE RIGHT NOTE. SOUTH VIETNAMESE POLITICAL PROBLEMS MUST OF COURSE BE SOLVED BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE THEMSELVES AND THE LESS OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN SUCH MATTERS THE BETTER. WE BELIEVE THIS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE OUR LINE WITH MINH, CHAU, AND OTHER EXPATRIATES.

3. FYI, GVN PRESS SPOKESMAN JULY 10 REACTED TO STORIES OF
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PRG- "THIRD FORCE" CONTACTS IN PARIS THAT EXPATRIATES INVOLVED

IN SUCH ACTIVITIES "REPRESENT NO ONE" (REF C). GVN WOULD, WE
BELIEVE, VIEW ANY U.S. ENCOURAGEMENT OF "THIRD FORCE" ELEMENTS
WITH SUSPICION AND RESENTMENT.
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